

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

Senators elected to serve until Monday after the General Election in Nov. of 2024, 16 Democrats, 29 Republicans, 1 vacancy. Total—46.



ADAMS, Brian Richard [R]—(Dist. No. 44, *Berkeley*-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Retired Police Off./Co-owner, Tri-Co. Appraisals; residing at 121 Londonderry Rd., Goose Creek; *b.* Dec. 27, 1969 in Mt. Clemens, Mich.; *s.* David S. and Dorothy A. Adams; *g.* Stratford High School, 1989; Nov. 19, 1994 *m.* Michelle Lynn Adams, 4 children, Ryan Scott, Tyler

Hunter, Lauren Nicole, and Dylan Nicholas; Sgt. over Detectives at NCPD, 2008; Comdr. Lt. over the S.T.A.N.D. program, 2015 (featured on Dateline); Lt. over Specialized Units, 2016; sat on Bd. of Law Enforcement Coordinating Com., 2016; Lt. over School Resource Offs., 2018; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021.

ALEXANDER, Thomas C., Businessman; Owner, Alexander's Office Supply; and Pres. of the Senate (for biography and picture, see p. 19).



ALLEN, Karl B. [D]—(Dist. No. 7, *Greenville* Co.)—Atty.; 108 Lavinia Ave., Greenville; *b.* Oct. 13 in Greenville; *s.* Jesse E., Sr. and Maudie S. Allen; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1982, J.D., 1986; single, 1 child, Brittanie Elizabeth; admitted to U.S. Supreme Court & U.S. Dist. Court, 1992; mem., Amer. Bar Assn.; S.C. Bar Assn.; Greenville Literacy Assn.; past Pres., NABCI; House of

Reps. 2001–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–21.

BENNETT, Sean M. [R]—(Dist. No. 38, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Cos.)—Fin. Planner; residing at 122 President Cir., Summerville; *b.* May 13, 1968 in Charleston; *s.* Harold McLeod Bennett and Judith Moniz; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.A., 1990; Dec. 26, 1992 *m.* Tina Gabriel, 2 children, Haile Gabriel and Hayden Grace; past Pres., Summerville Catholic School Bd.; past mem., Bd. of Dirs., Camp Happy Days & Special Times; past Chm., Greater Summerville/Dorchester Co. Chamber of Commerce, 2002–10; Bd. of Dirs., The Educ. Foundation, 2006–09; Bd., Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester Council of Govts.; past Chm. & mem., Bd. of Dirs., Charleston Regional Dev. Alliance, 2006–; past Pres., Rotary Club of Summerville, 2010; Opportunity Next Steering Com., CRDA, 2010–11; Econ. Leadership Council, CRDA, 2011; Riley Inst., 2014; Liberty Fellow Class of 2016; Rodel Fellowship Class of 2016; Amer. Enterprise Inst. Leadership, 2016; mil. serv.: SCARNG; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–21.



CAMPSEN, George E. III “Chip” [R]—(Dist. No. 43, Beaufort-Charleston-Colleton Cos.)—Businessman & Atty.; residing at 28 Waterway Island Dr., Isle of Palms; *b.* Mar. 30, 1959 in Charleston; *s.* the late Myrtle S. “Snap” and the late George E. Campsen, Jr.; *g.* Wando High School, 1977; Furman Univ., B.S. Biology, 1981, Phi Beta Kappa; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1988, M.S. Bus. Admin., 1989; 1987 *m.* Lalla Lee Laffitte, 2 children, George and Boyce; S.C. Bar Assn.; S.C. Real Estate Broker’s License; 100-Ton U.S. Coast Guard Capt.’s License; Pres., Fort Sumter Tours Inc. and SpiritLine Cruises LLC, 1985–; Campsen Law Firm, 1989–; Commercial Real Estate Broker, Batten, Hudson, and Tarrant, 1983–85; Passenger Vessel Capt., Fort Sumter Tours Inc., 1978–82; S.C. Coll. Investment Prog. Adv. Com., 2001–02; Chm. and Spokesman, Gov. Mark Sanford’s Transition Team, 2002–03; Senior Policy Advisor to Gov. Mark Sanford, 2002–03; Chm., Charleston Co. Sen. Delegation, 2006–12; Sentencing Reform Com., 2009–10; Chm., Charleston Co.



Legis. Delegation, 2012–; Judicial Merit Selection Com., 2012–16, Chm., 2016, VC, 2015 & 2017; Sentencing Reform Oversight Com., 2012–; Chm., Fish, Game & Forestry Com., 2013–; Chm., Sen. Sportsman’s Caucus, 2013–; Chm., Sen. Religious Freedom Caucus, 2013–; Legis. Audit Council Nominating Com.; founding mem., Amer. Flood Coalition, 2017–; mem., S.C. Floodwater Comm., 2018–; Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Park Hospitality Assn., 2010–; Bd. of Dirs., S.C. Wildlife Partnership, 2017–; Deacon, Church Council, and Teacher, East Cooper Baptist Church; House of Reps. 1997–02; prev. serv. in Sen. 2005–21.



CASH, Richard J. [R]—(Dist. No. 3, *Anderson Co.*)—Businessman; residing in Powdersville; *b.* Mar. 31, 1960 in Jacksonville, Fla.; *s.* the late Thomas B. and the late Audrey S. Cash; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., Bus. Admin., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa; Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MATS, 1990; Apr. 13, 1985 *m.* Marcia Williams, 8 children, Laura,

Colby, Caleb, Caitlin, Linnea, Rachel, Calvin, and Micah; mem., Christ Church, EPC, Anderson; prev. serv. in Sen. May 30, 2017–21.



CLIMER, David Wesley “Wes” [R]—(Dist. No. 15, *York Co.*)—Fin. Advisor; residing in Rock Hill; *b.* Sept. 26, 1982 in Charlotte, N.C.; *s.* Mike and Kim Climer; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 2006; May 10, 2008 *m.* Martie Behrens, 5 children, Jack, Monroe, Betsy, Henry, and Michael; Eagle Scout, 1998; York Dist. Boy Scouts Dist. Com., 2011–14; York Dist. Boy Scouts Fin. Chm.,

2012–13; Palmetto Council Boy Scouts Fin. Com. Chm., 2015–; Palmetto School at the Children’s Attention Home Bd. of Dirs., 2015–16; Chm., York Co. Rep. Party, 2013–15; Pack 925 Cub Scout Com., 2018–; Family Promise of York Co. Bd. of Dirs., 2019–; mem., Westminster Presbyterian Church; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–21.

CORBIN, Thomas D. “Tom” [R]—(Dist. No. 5, *Greenville-Spartanburg Cos.*)—Businessman; residing at 1139 Bailey Mill Rd., Travelers Rest; *b.* Jan. 11, 1965 in Greenville; *s.* the late Barbee and Gail McCarty Corbin; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; Dec. 12, 1992 *m.* Leann Robertson, 2 children, William and Elliott; Burban Creek Reserve, VP, 2009, Pres., 2010; mem., Greenville CAN Adv. Bd.; House of Reps. 2011–12; prev. serv. in Sen. 2013–21.



CROMER, Ronnie W. [R]—(Dist. No. 18, *Lexington-Newberry-Union Cos.*)—Pharmacist; residing in Prosperity; *b.* Dec. 1, 1947 in Newberry; *s.* the late William R. and the late Mable S. Cromer; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., 1973; Aug. 30, 1969 *m.* Linda Epting, 2 children, Candace and Heather; mem.: Newberry Co. Dev. Bd., 1993–00; S.C. Bd. of Pharmacy, 1994–00; mil. serv.: Lt. Col. (Ret.), SCARNG, 30 years; prev. serv. in Sen. Apr. 15, 2003–21.



DAVIS, Tom [R]—(Dist. No. 46, *Beaufort-Jasper Cos.*)—Atty.; residing in Beaufort; *b.* May 31, 1960; *s.* G. Thomas and Yvonne C. Davis; *g.* Furman Univ., B.A., 1982, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Ulmer Medal; Univ. of Maryland School of Law, J.D., 1985, Order of the Coif, Sobeloff Prize for Outstanding Constitutional Law Scholarship, graduated with highest honors; Jan. 5, 1985 *m.* Reid Lawrence, 3 children, Elizabeth, Grace, and Claire; admitted to S.C. Bar, 1985; law practice of Harvey & Battey, P.A., 1985–; Chief of Staff, Gov. Mark Sanford, 2006–08; prev. serv. in Sen. 2009–21.





FANNING, Michael William “Mike”
[D]—(Dist. No. 17, *Chester-Fairfield-York*
Cos.)—Educator & Exec. Dir., Olde Eng-
lish Consortium; residing at 7825 Camp
Welfare Rd., Great Falls; *b.* Apr. 4, 1967 in
Columbia; *s.* Joseph W. and Janet L. Fanning;
g. Wofford Coll., B.A., 1991; Benedict Coll.,
Teacher Educ. Certification, 1992; Univ. of
S.C., M.S., 1996, Ed.S., 1997, Ph.D., 2008;

July 21, 2007 *m.* Stephanie Locus, 1 child, Markell; Teacher,
Estill High School, 1992–94; S.C. School First Year Teacher of
the Year, Hampton Co. School Dist. Two, Estill High School,
1993; Sallie Mae First Year Teacher of the Year Award, State
Winner, Natl. Rep., 1993; Westinghouse STAR Teacher of the
Year, 1993; Teacher, Cola. High School, 1994–98; S.C. Alliance
of Black School Educators, 1995–00; Key Club Teacher of the
Year, Cola. High School, Richland Co. School Dist. One, 1996;
Estelle Parrott Teacher of the Year, Cola. High School, Rich-
land Co. School Dist. One, 1996; mem., S.C. NAACP, 1996–;
S.C. Improvement Councils State Advocate of the Year, 2006;
Fairfield NAACP, 2010–; Richard W. Riley S.C. Diversity Lead-
ership Initiative Fellow, Furman Univ., 2010–11; Fairfield
United, 2015–, Chm., 2015–16; Chester Chamber of Commerce,
2015–; Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Rock Hill/
York Co. Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Greater
York Chamber of Commerce, 2015–; Fairfield Schools Hall of
Fame, Inducted, 2016; S.C. Farm Bureau, 2016–; S.C. Legis.
Black Caucus, 2017–; Fairfield Co. Legis. Del., Chm., 2017;
S.C. Career & Technology Educ. Legislator of the Year, 2018;
S.C. Adult Educ. Legislator of the Year, 2019–20; Chester Co.
Legis. Del., Chm., 2019–; Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Chap.,
Citizen of the Year, 2020; Carolina Comm. Actions Bd. mem.,
2020–; SCCBSBM Impact Legislator of the Year, 2021; former
Sunday School Teacher & Men’s Council Pres., Lebanon Pres-
byterian Church, 2005–08; mil. serv.: E-4 Forward Observer,
3rd of 11th Field Artillery, USA, Ft. Lewis, Washington; Active
Duty USA, 1987–89; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–21.

GAMBRELL, Michael W. “Mike” [R]—(Dist. No. 4, Abbeville-Anderson-Greenwood Cos.)—Self-employed, M&R Enterprises; residing in Honea Path; *b.* Jan. 10, 1958 in Belton; *s.* Aaron and Robbie Gambrell; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1980; Mar. 31, 1990 *m.* Reese V.; Palmetto Boys State, 1975; Friendship Fire Dept., Chief, 1990–06; Anderson Co. Fire Chiefs Assn., Chm., 1990–02; mem.: Anderson Co. EMS Comm., 2002–06; Rural Infrastructure Authority Com.; received the Presidential Medallion at Piedmont Tech. Coll., 2019; House of Reps. 2007–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–21.



GARRETT, Billy J. [R]—(Dist. No. 10, Abbeville-Greenwood-McCormick-Saluda Cos.)—Atty., The Garrett Law Firm, P.C./Circuit Court & Family Court Mediator, The Greenwood Mediation Center; *b.* Oct. 5, 1956 in Williamston; *s.* Billy J., Sr. and Sigrid S. Garrett; *g.* Lander Univ., B.A., 1978; Univ. of S.C. Law School, J.D., 1983; Dec. 30, 1976 *m.* Denise W., 2 children, Tara G. Mitchell and Billy J. III, 2 grandchildren; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law, 1983; awarded the Amer. Jurisprudence Award in Family/Domestic Law, 1983; licensed in state courts: S.C. Circuit Court, S.C. Court of Appeals, S.C. Supreme Court; licensed in fed. courts: U.S. Dist. Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court, 2020; founding mem., S.C. Criminal Defense Attys.; S.C. Supreme Court Recognition and Appreciation, 1998; S.C. Bd. of Magistrate and Municipal Judges, 2007; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Trial Lawyers, 2014–21; America’s Most Honored 5% of Professionals, 2016–21; Lawyers of Distinction, 2019–21; The Natl. Trial Lawyers Top 100 Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2021; America’s Top 100 Criminal Defense Attys., 2021; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021.





GOLDFINCH, Stephen L., Jr. [R]—(Dist. No. 34, Charleston-Georgetown-Horry Cos.)—Atty.; residing in Murrells Inlet; *b.* Nov. 19, 1982 in Conway; *s.* Steve Goldfinch and Patricia Briggs; *g.* The Citadel, B.S., 2004, M.B.A., 2006; Charleston School of Law, J.D., 2010; May 27, 2006 *m.* Renee Bodie, 2 children, Hadlee and Stephen III “Tripp”; past Bd. of Dirs., Junior Achievement;

ment; Chm., Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Com.; Chm., Georgetown Co. Legis. Delegation; Adjunct Professor, Charleston School of Law; USANG Jag Off.; House of Reps. 2013–16; prev. serv. in Sen. 2017–21.



GROOMS, Lawrence Kelly “Larry” [R]—(Dist. No. 37, Berkeley-Charleston Cos.)—Businessman; *g.* Clemson Univ., B.S., 1987; *m.* Carol Anderson, 3 children; Christian, Saved by Grace, April 1987; Outstanding Dedication Award, Timberland High School, 1996–97; Bd. of Visitors, Charleston Southern Univ., 1996–; Appreciation Award, St. Stephen Elementary School;

S.C. Assn. of Tourism Regions Leadership Recognition; Bd. mem., United Methodist Relief Center, 2003–08; Exec. Comm., Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 1996–08; life mem.: Natl. Rifle Assn.; Natl. Assn. of Texaco and Shell Marketers; Significant Contribution Award for Safe and Sober Roadways in S.C., MADD, 1998; U.S. Postal Serv. recognition, Huger, S.C., 2000; Legis. Achievement Award, ‘No Port on Daniel Island’, Charleston More Than a Port, 2002; Commendation for Serv. to and Support of Farmers, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Legis. Serv. Award, Agric. Comm. of S.C., 2002; Raising the Standard Award, Heritage Comm. Servs., 2003; Natl. Legis. Impact Award, Natl. Abstinence Clearinghouse, 2004; Outstanding Serv. Award, Amer. Legion of S.C., 2004; Legislator of the Year, Carolina’s Independent Automobile Dealers Assn., 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Public Charter School Assn., 2004; Friend to the Taxpayer Award, S.C. Assn. of Taxpayers, 2004; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Farm Bureau, 2005; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Poultry Fed., 2006; Humane State Legislator Award, Humane

Soc. of U.S., 2006; Bd. mem., Southern Methodist Coll., 2006–; U.S. Postal Serv.’s ‘Harleys to Harleyville’ recognition, 2006; Exceptional Public Serv. Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Women, 2006; Adv. Bd. mem., Natl. Council on Bible Curriculum, 2007–; Legis. Serv. Award, Sweetgrass Market Place Coalition, 2007; Palmetto Leadership Award, S.C. Policy Council, 2007, 2008; Sen. Legis. Champion Award (for outstanding leadership in the defense of faith, family, and freedom), Palmetto Family Council, 2007–08; Legislator of the Year, Construction Network of the Carolinas, 2008; The Westendorff Award for Serv. to Those in Need, United Methodist Relief Center, 2008; Leadership Award, S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources, 2008; Legislator of the Year, Maritime Assn. of S.C., 2008, 2009, 2018; Friend of Transit Award, Transportation Assn. of S.C., 2009; Legislator of the Year, S.C. Fraternal Order of Police, 2009; Legislator of the Year, Palmetto Charter Network for support of Charter Schools in S.C., 2009; Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010, 2012, 2020; Peas and Carrots Award for improving environmental and econ. quality of life, Citizens for Sound Conservation, 2010; Legis. Leader Award, ABATE of S.C., 2010; Legis. Serv. Recognition, Boeing, 2010; Panama Canal Authority recognition, Canal de Panamá, 2010; Boeing Leadership Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2010; 100% Bus. Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010, 2012; Future of Educ.’s Golden Apple Award, S.C. Chap., Natl. Coalition for Public School Options, 2011; Political Courage Award, Berkeley Co. Rep. Party, 2011; Support of Liberty Award, ABATE of S.C., 2012; Sword & Mace Award (for score of 100 for promotion and protection of the free, private, and competitive enterprise system), S.C. BIPEC, 2012; Pro-Life Legislator of the Year, S.C. Citizens for Life, 2012, 2016; Legis. Appreciation Award, S.C. Assn. of Conservation Dists., 2013; Public Servant Award, S.C. Baptist Convention, 2013; hon. Lt. Col., S.C. DNR, 2014; Trident Tech, Champion for Econ. Dev. Award, 2015, 2016; Barrett Lawriamore Leadership Award, Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2015; S.C. Champion of School Choice Award for support of Public School Options, 2015; Educational Credits for Exceptional Needs Children, Leadership Recognition, 2015, 2016; Founder & Chm., S.C. Legis. Prayer Caucus, 2016–; Glenn McConnell Elected Leader Award, Charleston

Metro Chamber, 2016; Palmetto Family Award (100% score for the Defense of Faith, Family, and Freedom), 2013, 2017; Legis. Champion (for leadership and persistence to ensure passage of the S.C. Infrastructure & Econ. Dev. Reform Act), S.C. Alliance to Fix Our Roads, 2017; Bus. Champion Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2017; Motorcycle Comm. Leader, ABATE of S.C., 2017; Champion of Bus. Award, Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, 2018; S.C. Aeronautical Training Center Leadership Recognition, 2018; past Chm., Deacon Bd., First Baptist Church, St. Stephen; mem., Pointe North Community Church, Moncks Corner; prev. serv. in Sen. Nov. 4, 1997–21.



GUSTAFSON, Penry S. [R]—(Dist. No. 27, Chesterfield-Kershaw-Lancaster Cos.)—Full-time Legislator; residing in Camden; *b.* May 20, 1970 in Columbia; *d.* Michael C. and Molly S. Brady; *g.* Newberry Coll., B.A., 1992; Univ. of S.C., graduate courses, 1992–94; Aug. 11, 2007 *m.* Todd Gustafson, 3 children, William, Andrew, and Margaret; Operation Inasmuch of the Midlands, Coordi-

nator, 2013–15; Bridlewood Farms HOA Bd., 2015–17; Food for the Soul, Bd. of Dirs., 2017–20; Game Changers at the River's Edge Retreat, Bd. of Dirs., 2020–; prev. serv. in Sen. 2021.



HARPOOTLIAN, Richard A. “Dick” [D]—(Dist. No. 20, Lexington-Richland Cos.)—Atty.; *b.* Jan. 23, 1949; *s.* Harold Carnig Harpootlian and Joan Williams Harpootlian; *g.* Clemson, B.A., 1971; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1974; *m.* Jamie Lindler, 1 child, Katherine S.; Managing Partner, Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., 1995–; Dep. Solicitor for Fifth Judicial Circuit, 1975–83;

Richland Co. Council, 1987–91; Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, 1991–95; mem.: John Belton O’Neill Inn of Court; Amer. Bd. of Trial Advocates; admitted to U.S. Dist. Court Dist. of S.C., 1982; U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit, 1985; U.S. Supreme Court, 1993; prev. serv. in Sen. 2019–21.